

## Note from the Chapter President



Wow it's May already! We've already had four board meetings at Boeing, Day & Zimmermann, Lockheed Martin, and at the Union League. So far in 2012 the Delaware Valley Chapter has supported two STEM events (SeaPerch & DVSF) and held our annual patriotic ROTC awards luncheon. The golf outing is scheduled for August 6, 2012 and will again be held at Tavistock Country Club

in Haddonfield, NJ. For a membership event, we have decided and voted on a "Wounded Warriors" job fair that may be inclusive of Shipmates to Workmates and other disabled Vets, along with folks on site that can offer education, training and career counseling to the applicants!

SeaPerch, held at Drexel University on March 24th, was attended by a record number of middle and high schools students. The competition gets better and better every year. Board member companies L-3, NDI and LCE provided judges for the event and the Chapter donated \$1,000 to ASNE in support of the operating costs of the program. The Chapter also donated \$1,000 to the Delaware Valley Science Fair (DVSF) which was held on April 4th out in Oaks, PA.

On April 26th the board hosted the annual ROTC awards luncheon at the regal Union League in downtown Philadelphia. This event is normally only for board members, award recipients and their leadership, but this year we invited non-board members who provided sponsorships to the 2011 golf outing. Positive feedback suggests all guests were impressed by the young leaders and the keynote address by ADML (Ret) Brad Hicks of Lockheed Martin charted the course for the ROTC students into a future of unparalleled accomplishments. Read more about this event in this newsletter.

The golf outing, our primary vehicle for fundraising in support of events highlighted above will be a tough ticket to get this year. The field was full last year and we are already receiving sign-up requests for this year! Find the enrollment flyer linked under our Events tab on the website ([www.ndia-dvc.org](http://www.ndia-dvc.org)).

For the job fair, we are targeting the September/October time frame at Lincoln Financial Field. More to follow, but if you are a company that is interested in hiring Wounded Warriors, Shipmates to Workmates or other disabled Vets, please keep checking back to our website under the Events Tab for further information including the date and registration information. We owe our men and women returning from their tour of duty the dignity of earning a fair wage for a job they can and want to do!

Finally, we are always looking for new board members to bring new life, energy and ideas to the board, so, if interested please feel free to reach out to any board member listed at the end of the newsletter and they can put your name forward to the Nominating committee.

Please check the website often for updates on EVENTS and CHAPTER NEWS, find us at [www.ndia-dvc.org](http://www.ndia-dvc.org).

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Randy has 32 years of experience in ship and submarine engineering and management, including science and technology, research and development, acquisition, engineering and in-service fleet support. Prior to joining LCE, Randy served as a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) for 14 years, working in the U.S. Navy's Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture organization with executive management responsibility. His roles have included Technical Director Naval Surface Warfare Center - Carderock Division, Naval Sea Systems Command Director of Machinery Systems Group (05Z), Director of the Power Systems Group, and Director of the Propulsion Systems Group. Randy's career accomplishments include developing advanced technology propulsion/power systems and transitioning them to US Navy ships and submarines.

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quality, expertise and dedication of our employees enable Life Cycle Engineering to serve as a trusted resource that helps people and organizations achieve their full potential. Founded in 1976, LCE is headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina with offices across North America and experience around the globe.

LCE's Engineering Services Group (ESG) offers a comprehensive line of engineering and professional services for U.S. and foreign Navies, commercial marine operators and industrial companies throughout the world. Our services include electrical engineering, environmental engineering, energy management, integrated logistics support, mechanical and marine engineering, materials and metallurgical engineering, and program and financial management. We have extensive experience with proven results in helping maritime and industrial organizations control and reduce costs, solve engineering and logistic problems, repair ship-board systems, manage programs and improve financial management.

LCE's Northeast Region office, located in the Commandant's Building at the Philadelphia Naval Business Center, is one of five regional offices that serve our U.S. Navy clients. The primary services provided by our Philadelphia team include:

- ILS and HM&E Logistics
- Engineering – Machinery Control Systems
- Engineering – Power Systems
- Engineering – Propulsion
- Engineering – Navigation and IBS

LCE Northeast Region office provides our long-standing clients with services that cover Program Management and Full Ship Systems Life Cycle Support: research and development, test and evaluation, acquisition, life cycle, modernization and in-service support. Our full range of available contract vehicles makes LCE easily accessible for a wide range of work that covers marine technical disciplines and systems.



## Awards Luncheon

The Delaware Chapter sponsored an Awards Luncheon at the Historic Philadelphia Union League on the 26th of April. The Chapter honored 12 Cadets and Midshipmen from ROTC and NROTC Units representing all branches of the armed services. The honorees were met by members of the Chapter Board for a social hour providing an exceptional opportunity for them to meet the future officers and the Unit Commanders of 12 Colleges and Universities located in the Philadelphia area. During the luncheon each awardee was presented with an NDIA Certificate of Appreciation and a cash award from the Chapter. RADM Brad Hicks USN (Ret) assisted with the awards and spoke to the of-

ficer candidates as to the Rewards of Leadership within the service. RADM Hicks having served and commanded missile capable ships, squadrons and Carrier Air Groups provided motivating and inspirational thoughts for all present. In addition Cadet Tom Nguyen AF-ROTC from St. Joseph's



ADML (Ret) Brad Hicks



ADML Hicks, Cadet Thomas Nguyen, Tom Seigenthaler & Jim Donahue

University received the Chapter Sidney Ross Award for his fulfillment of the criteria of Academic Excellence in Science, Physical Conditioning and Leadership shown through out their military training.



## Upcoming Events

### NDIA Golf Outing

When: August 6, 2012

Where: Tavistock Country Club  
100 Tavistock Lane  
Haddonfield, New Jersey  
08033



\*\*\* Sign up for your four-some and sponsorship today. For additional information please visit our website: [ndia-dvc.org](http://ndia-dvc.org)

### Wounded Warrior/Shipmates Career Fair

Event is being planned for the Fall 2012. Keep an eye on the website **EVENTS tab** for more information!

## From the Editor

What do you think of this newsletter? How can it be improved? Do you want your company profiled in a future issue? Would you like to contribute a feature article in a future issue? Send me your feedback and suggestions so that we can improve this publication with each issue. [skeenan@agi.com](mailto:skeenan@agi.com)



**From the Editor**

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## Government Relations Update - Defense

### Defense Authorization Passes House Armed Services Committee

After a marathon markup session that lasted for more than 16 hours, on May 10, the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) voted 56-5 to approve the FY 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The HASC-approved bill would authorize \$554 billion to fund Department of Defense (DOD) and national security programs, and \$88.5 billion for overseas contingency operations (OCO).

The overall funding levels included in the bill vary considerably from those laid out in both the President's FY 2013 budget and the Budget Control Act of 2011. Specifically, the bill proposes nearly \$8 billion more in spending than the deficit-reduction law allows, and \$4 billion more than the president's FY13 budget request. The HASC bill funding levels are also significantly lower than what was included in the FY12 NDAA, which authorized \$662 billion in funding.

More than a hundred amendments were considered during the markup. Among those adopted included one offered by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) that would require a GAO review of the Littoral Combat Ship program's quality and a review of the Navy's operational and sustained support strategy for the program. In addition, an amendment offered by Rep. Todd Aiken (R-MO) was adopted that would modify the amount of Navy nuclear surface combatants. The committee opted to table a few particularly controversial amendments, specifically some regarding the rights of Guantanamo detainees, until the bill reaches the floor of the House.

One of the more hot-button topics considered was the issue of base closures. Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA) offered an amendment to prohibit DOD from advancing another round of Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) in FY13 and to halt the use of FY13 DOD funding for investigations regarding potential BRAC rounds. During consideration of the amendment, Rep. Wittman raised questions about the effectiveness of the BRAC program, arguing that future rounds are unnecessary. Democrats on the committee countered that BRAC

achieves long-term savings that may not yet be fully realized. Rep. Wittman's amendment was ultimately adopted by a vote of 44-18, with 30 Republicans voting in favor and 5 against. Democrats were more split on the issue, with 14 voting in favor and 13 against.

The bill is scheduled to be considered by the full House of Representatives next week. The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) is scheduled to begin subcommittee mark ups of its version of the legislation beginning the week of May 21st. If enacted, the FY13 bill is set to be the 51st consecutive National Defense Authorization Act.

### House Passes Plan to Prevent Defense Sequestration Cuts

On May 10, 2012, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to prevent deep cuts to the Pentagon from taking effect by reducing funding and eliminating waste and fraud in health care, food stamps, and other social programs.

The Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012 (H.R. 5652), passed the House on a party-line vote of 218-199. No Democrats voted in favor of the plan, and 16 Republicans opposed it. The bill would prevent the \$98 billion in planned cuts from taking effect in January 2013, \$55 billion of which directly impact the military. The sequester would be replaced with a \$19 billion cut in discretionary spending for FY 2013 and \$310 billion in mandatory spending cuts over the next ten years. Republicans, led by Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), say the cuts are essential to reducing the deficit. The Obama Administration quickly condemned the move, with Defense Secretary Leon Panetta saying the legislation will make it more likely that sequestration will occur. The bill is unlikely to gain any traction in the Senate, where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has indicated he will not allow floor time to consider a budget resolution, which is necessary before considering a reconciliation bill.

## Hearings

Veterans Cemetery Grants  
House Veterans' Affairs - Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs  
Subcommittee Field Hearing  
May 14, 2 p.m., Fillmore County Courthouse, Board Room, 101 Fillmore St. West, Preston, Minn.

Pending Intelligence Matters  
Senate Select Intelligence Committee  
Full Committee Hearing  
May 15, 2:30 p.m., 219 Hart Bldg.

Health Care for Veterans with Prosthetics  
House Veterans' Affairs - Subcommittee on Health  
Subcommittee Hearing  
May 16, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon Bldg.

Review Veterans Integrated Disability Evaluation System  
Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee  
Full Committee Hearing  
May 16, 10 a.m., 216 Hart Bldg.

Veterans Education Issues  
House Veterans' Affairs - Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity  
Subcommittee Hearing  
May 16, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon Bldg.

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## Quote of the Week

“Veterans’ benefits are earned through service to our nation, and any breach of that contract is a breach of trust between our veterans and the American people. By removing all ambiguity in the law to ensure VA’s funding, we ensure that promise remains intact for today’s veterans and future generations.”

**Rep. Jeff Miller** (R-FL), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, after the Sequester Replacement Act of 2012 (H.R. 4966) was favorably reported to the full House of Representatives on May 7, 2012.

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